

Reach For a Star Through December 5

More than 500 Children In Need of Gift Assistance

Imagine waking up Christmas morning and not finding any gifts under the tree. That is the reality for many area children and families.

This year, help a child's wish come true. Pick-up a star(s) between November 12 and December 5 at City Hall or other Reach for a Star locations. Purchase three of the gifts listed on the tag and drop them off by December 5 at City Hall or the original location the star was selected.

The City of Wylie's Reach for a Star program continues to grow. Last year the program assisted 370 children. This year, with your help, 500 children from 195 families will have gifts to open Christmas morning.

City Staff and volunteers began accepting and reviewing applications from needy families in October. The donated gifts will be organized at the National Guard Armory for pick-up mid December.



Councilmembers Young, White and Porter select a star from the tree located in City Hall.

City staff and National Guard Members prepare the gifts for distribution at the armory last year.



Reach for a Star Tree Locations

- American National Bank
- Bank of America
- Brookshires
- Capital One
- Chase Bank
- Inwood National Bank
- Wylie City Hall
- Texans Credit Union
- Walmart
- Woodbridge Golf Club

Online @ WylieTexas.gov

Holiday Trash/Recycling Collection Schedule

Community Waste Disposal observes only two holidays, Christmas Day and Thanksgiving Day. Trash/recycling service scheduled for Thursday, November 27, will slide to Friday and Friday's service will slide to Saturday. Service scheduled for Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25, will slide to Friday and Friday's service will slide to Saturday. City offices will be closed November 27-28 and December 24 -25.

Weekly Residential Recycling Funds Median Beautification

Did you know that every time you recycle you are helping to beautify our medians? Community Waste Disposal returns a percentage of recycling revenues back to the City. These funds are used to beautify our medians, including tree plantings. For more information on recycling and other CWD services, select Services > Trash & Recycling from the homepage.

FM 1378 Bypass Open for Traffic In Preparation of New Civic Complex Construction

If the new Civic Complex was built today, FM 1378 would run through the breezeway between the Recreation Center and City Hall. In order to begin construction on the new Civic Complex, a temporary bypass has opened. Please observe new speed limits and use caution through the construction area.

As a cost saving measure, more than 600 feet of the bypass is constructed as permanent concrete roadway to be a part of the new alignment of FM 1378. Re-construction of FM 1378 from FM 544 to Parker Road continues with utility relocation. Excavation of FM 1378 from FM 544 to Parker Road is projected to begin spring 2009.

Festival of Lights Parade & Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 13, 6:30 p.m.
Historic Downtown Wylie

- Parade down Ballard Ave. between Jefferson & Oak
- Tree Lighting in Olde City Park
- Pictures with Santa



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Fun & Learning

Rita & Truett Smith Public Library
800 Thomas Street - 972-442-7566

For complete details on holiday hours, please go to
www.WylieTexas.gov > Community > Smith Public Library

Hours:	Mon., Tue. & Thur.	Noon - 8 pm
	Wednesday	9 am - 6 pm
	Friday	11 am - 5 pm
	Saturday	9 am - 4 pm
	Sunday	Closed

All Events Are Free and Open to the Public

Storytime, Every Wednesday

Join us for books, flannel stories, finger plays, songs and crafts.

Big Kids (ages 3-5), 9 am & 11 am

Wee Read (Babies & Toddlers), 10 am

Nov. 26 - Turkey Day Gobble Gobble

Dec. 3 - Let's Get Dressed

Dec. 17 - Santa is Coming

Wagging Tales, Dec. 4 & 18, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Practice reading aloud to Abby the Collie. Tickets are required and will be distributed on a first come first serve basis the evening of the program.

Breakfast & Pictures With Santa

December 6, 9 am or 10 am, \$8 Per Child

Tickets are required for this holiday event. The \$8 cost per child (maximum cost per family \$24) includes muffins, juice and a picture with Santa. Contact the Library for more details or to purchase tickets.

Pictures With Santa

December 6, 11 am - 2 pm, \$5 Per Child

Teen Library Council, Dec. 11, 5 pm

Talk about teen library programs, provide feedback on the teen collection and discuss your favorite books. Teens 6th - 12th grade are welcome.

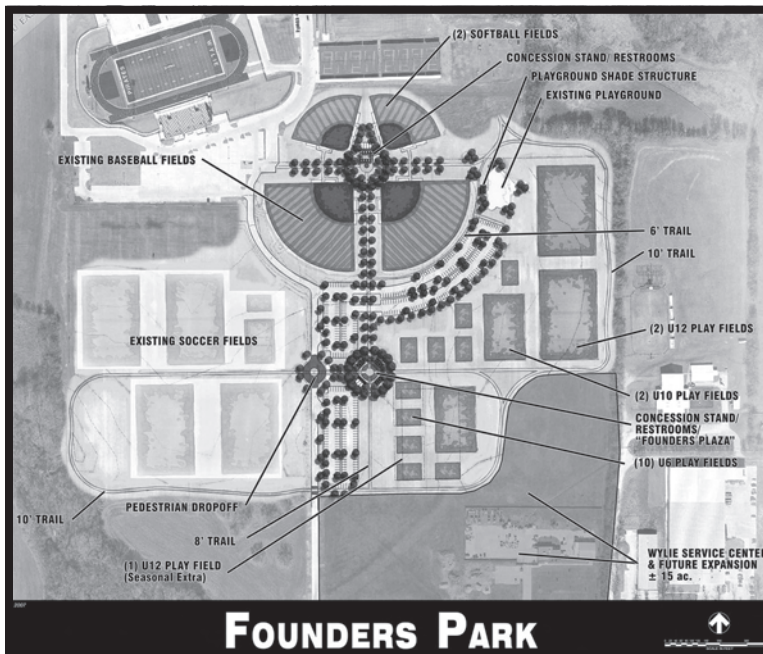
Bart Peddicord Community Center
100 West Oak Street - 972-442-8119

Senior Center Activities, Mon - Fri, 9 am - 3 pm

Join area seniors for cards, dominos, bingo, exercise and fun special events. Call 972-442-2841 for more information.

City Receives \$400,000 Founders Park Grant

The Collin County Parks Foundation Board recently awarded the City of Wylie a \$400,000 grant to be used for Founders Park improvements and expansion. The \$5.4 million dollar Founders Park project, approved by voters in the 2005 Bond Program, is scheduled to begin early spring 2009. Park improvements include new soccer & softball fields, restrooms, a concession stand, hike & bike trails and parking lots.



New and Promoted Firefighters Pinned

In preparation for the opening of Fire Station #3, the City welcomed six new firefighters and promoted two veterans to Captain during a "Pinning of the Badge" ceremony. Fire Station #3, at the corner of Brown St. and W.A. Allen Blvd, is scheduled to open March 2009. Watch for details on the grand opening.



Captain Matt McCormick and family